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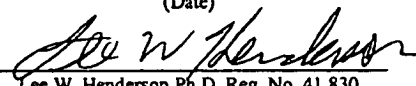
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FOR REDUCING LIGHT PIPING
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FEBRUARY 2, 2004 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 2, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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